

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete paragraph 031, and replace it with the following paragraph, with amendment being shown by brackets, strikethrough and/or underlining:

[031] FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view of a rear portion of the personal watercraft which adopts the deck structure according to the present invention. The rear portion of the personal watercraft 10 is formed ~~from~~ with a seat underlying opening 41 provided in the deck 20, and a rear portion opening 42 ~~as an opening~~ provided in the deck 20 continuously to the seat underlying opening 41~~[[,]].~~ A bridge plate 43 is provided extending ~~along~~ across the boundary between the seat underlying opening 41 and the rear portion opening 42~~[[,]].~~ The rear portion of the seat 21 covers or closes up the seat underlying opening 41, and an inner lid 45 is provided behind the bridge plate for covering or closing up the rear portion opening 42~~[[,]].~~ A locking mechanism 47 is attached to a rear edge 46 ~~as~~ of the deck at an edge of the rear portion opening 42, for locking the inner lid 45~~[[,]].~~ The rear cover 48 is provided ~~serving as a cover~~ for covering the inner lid 45, and a pair of engaging portions 49, 49 are provided on the deck for engaging the rear cover 48 on the deck 20 side.